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Balmer et al. ) Examiner: Lam, Cathy  
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Filed: October 12, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 2853  
For: THREE DIMENSIONAL WELDING ) Docket No.: A148 1610.1  
ROD AND SURFACE COVERING )

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

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